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FOLLOWING REPEAT LONDON 5975 SENT ACTION SECSTATE
INFO BONN PARIS BRUSSELS ROME THE HAGUE LUXEMBOURG
COPENHAGEN, MAY 14TH:

QUOTE S E C R E T LONDON 05975

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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

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SUBJECT: CSCE STAGE III: REPORTS OF SECRETARY'S CORRES-
PONDENCE WITH SCHEEL AND CALLAGHAN

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1. TICKELL OF FCO CALLED US IN MORNING MAY 14 TO EXPRESS
HMG ANNOYANCE AND EMBARRASSMENT AT LEAK OF INFORMATION
ON SECRETARY'S EXCHANGES WITH CALLAGHAN AND SCHEEL. HE
ASSURED US THAT LEAK DID NOT COME FROM UK SOURCE; IN FACT
HE WAS CERTAIN THAT SOURCE WAS A GERMAN. HE REPORTED
THAT LUXEMBOURG HAS SENT FORMAL, DIRECT COMPLAINT TO HMG
ABOUT THE UK/US EXCHANGE IN LANGUAGE THAT "WE ARE UN-
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ACCUSTOMED TO HEARING". BELGIUM HAS MADE AN INDIRECT

DEMARCHE.

2. TICKELL SAID HE IS SURE THAT MAIN CONCERN OF FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN IS BREECH OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF SECRETARY LEVEL EXCHANGES. HE SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT SECRETARY'S PARTY BE INFORMED SOONEST THAT UK WAS NOT SOURCE OF LEAK.

3. ON MAY 16 IN GENEVA, TICKELL WILL ATTEND SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON CSCE. AT THAT TIME HE HAD PLANNED TO MAKE THREE POINTS TO ALLIED REPS. (A) THE UK WAS TAKEN ABACK BY THE TONE OF THE COMMENTS FROM SOME OF ITS ALLIES ON THE QUESTION OF PERSONAL AND PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTERS (B) THE UK ALWAYS INTENDED TO MAKE KNOWN TO OTHER ALLIES INCLUDING THE U.S. THE CONTENT OF BI-LATERAL EXCHANGES ON CSCE STAGE III, AND (C) HE WOULD REFUSE TO CONFIRM THE EXISTENCE OF AN EXCHANGE BETWEEN CALLAGHAN AND THE SECRETARY. IN LIGHT OF U.S. POSITION IN PARA 2 REFTL, HE MAY MODIFY LAST POINT SLIGHTLY TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT EXCHANGE HAS TAKEN PLACE.

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